

## About the Games...

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games, now in their 29<sup>th</sup> year, have grown to become the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world.

Each year, the Games bring together hundreds of U.S. military veterans who compete for medals in 17 Olympic-style events. All athletes competing in the Games use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, certain neurological conditions, amputations, or other mobility impairments.

Participation in the Games has grown from 74 veterans in 1981 to more than 500 competitors in 2008.

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games are co-presented by the Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Department of Veterans Affairs.



[www.wheelchairgames.va.gov](http://www.wheelchairgames.va.gov)



**July 17, 2009**

**10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Spokane Falls Community College  
Spokane, Washington**

Presented by:



Kids Day provides an opportunity for youth to learn life lessons from U.S. veterans – from talking about the meaning of service to learning about living with a disability and competing in wheelchair sports.

## Kids just want to have fun...



## Kids Day...

*Kids Day 2009* will be held on Friday, July 17, as part of the 29<sup>th</sup> National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

Each year, *Kids Day at the Games* is held for area children with physical disabilities who live in the local community. This fun and educational program provides its young participants with a unique opportunity to learn about the exciting world of disabled sports. During the session, the children will meet the athletes and participate in three sporting events under the watchful eyes of experienced athlete mentors, all competitors in the 29<sup>th</sup> National Veterans Wheelchair Games. The children are able to enjoy both interactive and educational activities of the formal program, as well as the less structured social activities that Kids Day provides.

At the conclusion of a fun-filled morning, a special closing ceremony will take place with the wheelchair athletes presenting the children with their own medals for participating in the 2009 Kids Day program.

Kids Day will take place at the Spokane Falls Community College from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

We invite parents, families, friends and the community to come to Kids Day and cheer on the participating children!

### REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

To register for Kids Day activities, please contact Suzanne Bennett at [suzanne.bennett@va.gov](mailto:suzanne.bennett@va.gov) or (509) 434-7670; or Sheila Skipper at [sheilas@pva.org](mailto:sheilas@pva.org) or (800) 424-8200 ext. 654. For more information about the Games, visit the Website at [www.wheelchairgames.va.gov](http://www.wheelchairgames.va.gov).